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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

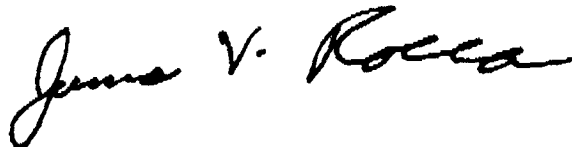
The antitrust law was designed to protect consumers from abuse by a company. Not to monitor competition between businesses, which is what happened with the antitrust case brought against Microsoft by the Department of Justice. A settlement has been reached and I am writing to ask that you give your support to this agreement. The original antitrust suit against Microsoft was badly misinterpreted. Microsoft has not harmed consumers; on the contrary, Bill Gates has helped consumers enormously in understanding the technological revolution that has descended upon us. He has made software easier to understand, easier to integrate, and much more affordable. What he has not done is pay court to the powers that be in Washington, or appeased his competitors by not being too successful. Hence, we have our antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft. However, the case is over, and it is time to move on.

Microsoft has met the demands by the Department of Justice by agreeing to configure its Windows program to allow competing software to be inserted; Microsoft has agreed to help companies achieve a greater degree of reliability with their networking software, and Microsoft has agreed to terms that extend well beyond the products and procedures mentioned in the original lawsuit. Whatever "sins" Microsoft may have committed, they have more than paid for.

I urge you to give your support to this agreement. It is time to get back on track. We have been through some rough times and now need to concentrate on getting our economy going again. Microsoft can help us to this, if we allow it. Thank you.

Sincerely,

James Rocca



cc: Senator Larry Craig